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In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add Claims 41 - 45 as shown.

- 41. The method of Claim 1, where the metal silicate dielectric layer is a zirconium silicate dielectric layer.
- 42. The method of Claim 2, where the first metal is zirconium.
- 43. The method of Claim 16, where the first metal is zirconium.
- 44. The method of Claim\24, where the first metal is zirconium.
- 45. The method of Claim 28, where the metal silicate layer is a zirconium silicate layer.